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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to make you aware of an important safeguarding concern regarding several children's books written by author Andy Cope, including those in the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pup* series.

These books contain a website link intended to provide readers with additional story content. Unfortunately, the domain linked in the books is no longer owned by the author. It has since been acquired by a third party and now redirects to a website that contains pornographic material.

We want to be clear that there is no suggestion of wrongdoing by the author or the publisher (Puffin Books). The stories themselves remain suitable for children; however, the web link presents a serious risk if accessed.

As a precaution, Puffin has paused all sales of these titles, and schools and retailers have been advised to remove them from circulation until further notice.

What we are doing:

- We are removing all Andy Cope books from school shelves immediately.

How you can help:

- **Please check your child's books at home.** If you find any titles by Andy Cope, especially those from the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, or *Spy Pup* series, we kindly ask you to return them to school as soon as possible.
- **Speak to your child** about the importance of not following website links they may find in books or other materials without first speaking to a trusted adult.
- If you are attending any **school events, book fairs, or book swaps**, please ensure that these titles are not brought in or shared.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us ensure a safe learning environment for all children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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